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Examiner: **Marks, C. M.**  
Group Art Unit: **3713****OFFICIAL**Title: **Ball Tossing Apparatus and Method**Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE**

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 25, 2004. Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension, to expire April 26, 2004 (April 25, 2004 being a Sunday).

The extension of time requested herein is for the purpose of satisfying the requirement of copendency between this application and a continuation-in-part application filed April 26, 2004.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

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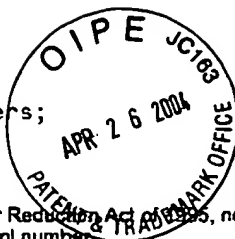
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